

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Present Application:**

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Title : VERTEBRATE TELOMERASE GENES AND PROTEINS AND  
USES THEREOF  
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**Prior Application:**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

B<sup>1</sup>  
This application is a continuation of pending United States Patent Application No. 09/108,401, filed June 30, 1998; which application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Application Nos. 60/051,410, filed July 1, 1997; 60/053,018, filed July 19, 1997; 60/053,329, filed July 21, 1997; 60/054,642, filed August 4, 1997; and 60/058,287, filed September 9, 1997, all of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety.—